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As Chairman of the Monument Committee of the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy I have the honor, and it gives me much pleasure, to present in their name to the trustees of the University of North Carolina this monument which is erected in memory of those students of this University who served in the armies of the Confederate States of America.

No men in any age or country more richly deserves to be commemorated in bronze or stone than those youths who at the call of their respective states rushed to arms and suffered the indescribable hardships and dangers of a Confederate soldier's life. While this monument is an outward expression of our love for them and our admiration of their heroism, yet also the loving hearts of the women of the South will ever be memorial tablets on which will be inscribed the memory of their virtues and valor. Governor Craig has given you in part a history of the services rendered by the students of this University to the Southern Confederacy, but no tongue can tell nor pen describe all that can be said or written in their praise.

Inhonoring the memory of our Confederate herores we must not be misunderstood as having in our hearts any hatred to those who wore the Blue, but we do not wish to forget what has been done forus by those who wore the Gray. The love that we have for them is like the faithful clinging ivy.

"So we who stand beneath the stripes and stars
Upon the threshold of these later years,
Like ivy, clinging to a dear Lost Cause,
Still yield the tribute of our love and tears.
Thus may, with all the future's slow decline,
The reverence of generations be,
Forever an ivy, that will still entwine
The ruins of the proud Confederacy."

We have erected this monument not only in honor of the dead but also of the living. To the latter I would say in behalf of the women of the South that we hope that their last years may be their happiest and

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when they Cross over the River that they may rest under the shade of the trees with their immortal leaders, Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee. Of those who have died we may well say, in the words of Father Ryan, the poet priest of the South,

"We care not whence they came,
Dear in their lifeless clay;
Whether unknown or known to fame,
Their cause and country still the same,
They died—and wore the Gray."

Accept this monument and may it stand forever as a perpetual memorial to those ~~xxx~~ sons of the University who suffered and sacrificed so much at the call of duty.

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Introduction of Gov. Craig by Maj. H. A. London.

Ladies and Gentlemen:-

It is with feelings of peculiar pride and pleasure that I have the honor of presenting to you the orator of this occasion . It is unnecessary to introduce him to any North Carolina audience and especially to an audience at Chapel Hill where he spent so many happy years of his youth and laid broad and deep the foundations of a career that has been, and no doubt will continue to be, so useful to the State and creditable to him.

As one of the students of this University who left its halls to serve as a soldier of the Confederacy, following Lee to Appomattox, I appreciate most highly this monument erected in memory of my comrades both dead and living. May it forever remain as an object lesson to teach all future generations that duty is "the sublimest word in the English language" and that the sons of this University were willing to suffer and, if need be, sacrifice their lives in their devotion to duty. We thought then we were right, and now we know it.

Without detaining you a moment longer I present to you his Excellency, the ~~Honorable Locke Craig~~ Governor of North Carolina, a true and loyal son of this University, the Honorable Locke Craig.